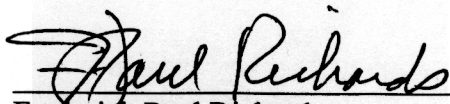


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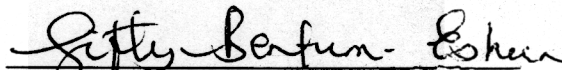
I, Frederick Paul Richards, state that:

1. I have prepared my direct testimony, submitted on behalf of New England Power Company (NEP) on December 3, 2003 in the proceeding to consider a zoning exemption for NEP in the City of Salem, Massachusetts.
2. I hereby swear that the information contained in my direct testimony is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.



Frederick Paul Richards
Principal Environmental Engineer
Environmental Department
National Grid USA Service Company, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 1st day of December, 2003.



Notary Public
My Commission expires: May 17, 2007